

TOWN OF NORTH EAST

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Pete K. Rahn, Secretary Maryland Department of Transportation 7201 Corporate Center Drive Hanover, MD 21076

2018 Transportation Priorities: Town of North East

Dear Secretary Rahn,

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Town of North East has outlined the following priorities for consideration and inclusion in your final 2018 Consolidated Transportation Program.

 Widen Route 7 (West Cecil Avenue), west of Route 272 (South Main Street/North Main Street) and Route 7 intersection. Elevate and widen the State Highway Bridge over the North East Creek on Route 7. Install pedestrian sidewalk, bicycle lane and pedestrian lighting between North East Isles Drive and Catherine Street.

<u>Interim Plan</u>: Installation of a pedestrian activated signal on both sides of the North East Creek Bridge on Route 7 which pedestrians would press when they desire to walk across the bridge. The signal would stop eastbound and westbound vehicles on Route 7 while pedestrians travel over the bridge.

- 2. Installation of a pedestrian sidewalk linkage along Route 40 between Sycamore drive (off of Route 40) and the intersection of Route 272 and Route 40, linking to the sidewalk project which currently underway Contract No. CE3395176). Note: Sycamore Drive is the road which leads into the Timberbrook Development, a 350+ Townhome Community.
- 3. Installation on Route 7, East Cecil Avenue: Two traffic reduction devices with intermitting signaling lights, with timers for school opening and dismissal. To be positioned on Route 7, approximately 50 yards before the North East Middle School from both east and west directions.
- 4. Installation of sidewalk from the existing sidewalk on Route 7 (East Cecil Avenue) to Mechanics Valley Road.
- 5. Installation of bicycle/walking/share the road pavement markings along Route 7 from Mechanics Valley Road to Ridgely Forest Drive.
- 6. Review impacts of rail service to State Highway systems in North East.
- 7. Marc Train Service in North East.



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8. Implement a new I-95 interchange in the area of Belvidere Road near Principio Business Park.

Thank you for your consideration in reviewing the Town of North East transportation priorities. Should you have any questions regarding these projects, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

Robert F. McKnight

Mayor

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